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Papers of Alexander Cochrane
Private Letters Received
1814-1815

Date From Abstract

- 9 June 1814 Horsford - Addressing ^{equal} fleet of salaries for Govt & C in C Bermuda.
- 11 June 1814 Paget - Offering to resign as Capt. of Superb if he might be sent
invalided → to England for a purpose not mentioned, but having been
missed as to the necessity of his assignment.
- 14 June 1814 Barclay - Stating that the policy of going up rivers & credos to
destroy shipping and attacking New England militia who have
refused to take up arms against Canada etc is counterproductive
and will result in New England doing business with the federal govt.
- 24 June 1814 Paget - Asking for guidance on repatriation of neutrals to Europe
from U.S. which violates his orders for strict blockade, also for
guidance on negotiating bills of exchange. Has plenty of cattle
in reserve on East End of Long I & thinking of establishing a depot for
them on Plum I. All American crews at New London sent to the lakes
- 1 July 1814 Griffith - Ready to begin building his house. Much about repairs
and use of various ships. Capt Bedford committed suicide prior to
leaving for England. No time will be lost in sending out the
Persimmon expedition. I hope you will soon attack Virginia
- 2 July 1814 Griffith - Assignments of various people & vessels as requisite.
- 3 July 1814 Paget - Chitchat & looking for answer to his ltr of 11 June.
- 7 July 1814 Griffith - Again repeating earlier letter re personnel assignments
lack of progress on house (no plans), many ships ^{in repair} have no need
for C.O.'s. Also concerning ~~an~~ promotion of Clavering, Sir John
Warren's nephew, prisoner of war exchange, etc. Crew of USS
Frolic not being exchanged as per request for misbehavior ^{sent to} England.
- 10 July 1814 Paget - Finding person who helped Beurdett destroy TURTLE to
Bermuda at his request. Wishes he had a 10 or 13 inch mortar to
shell enemy town & anchorage with ten miles of wherever Torpedoes have
been harbored - New London first. Greatly increased at the way
his expedition to Wareham reported in American newspapers
Repeats his request for discharge of 11 June.
- 13 July 1814 Griffith - Gordon will try to exchange ships with Beurdett, who will either
be sent home or exchange with Paget. Beamon have been claiming
American citizenship to justify a discharge but he will not allow it.
Merchants trying to get him to cover their smuggling but he
has refused.